

POOREST COTTON
CROP SINCE '09

**Last Government Bulletin Shows
Heavy Decline in Condition
in Growing Stocks**

SLUMPS A MILLION BALES
In Oklahoma Condition Is 63 as
Against 71 One Month Ago and

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4.—A heavy decline in the condition of the growing cotton crop almost double the average decline of the last ten years during September has decreased the production prospects forecast earlier in the season by almost a million bales. The department of agriculture today estimated the crop at 10,250,000 equivalent 500-pound bales, which would be the smallest crop since 1909.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4.—The condition of cotton on September 25 was 93.5 per cent of a normal, indicating a yield of 105 bushels per acre, as to total production of 10,250,000 equivalent five hundred pound bales, the department of agriculture today announced.

Condition and estimated acre yield by states follow:

State	Condition	Acre Yield
Virginia	..... 90	24
North Carolina	..... 70	20
South Carolina	..... 62	20
Georgia	..... 61	16
Florida	..... 51	13
Alabama	..... 47	14
Mississippi	..... 46	18
Louisiana	..... 39	15
Texas	..... 37	17
Arkansas	..... 37	14
Tennessee	..... 35	17
Missouri	..... 31	21
Illinois	..... 27	28
Indiana	..... 26	17
Ohio	..... 25	14
All other states	..... 21	11

Comparisons of conditions by states follow:

State	September 25		1951 Aug. 10	
	1940	1914 Avg. 1911	1940	1914 Avg. 1911
Virginia	90	80	76	88
North Carolina	70	70	73	78
South Carolina	63	72	71	77
Georgia	61	81	70	80
Florida	62	81	71	77
Alabama	57	78	63	75
Mississippi	62	68	66	69
Louisiana	59	67	69	69
Texas	54	70	67	69
Arkansas	63	69	68	77
Tennessee	53	70	73	88
Missouri	72	72	74	88
Oklahoma	62	80	66	77
California	76	78		

Declined 8.4 Points in Month
The cotton crop condition declined 8.4 points during the month and stands at September 25, which compares with an average decline in the same period in the past ten years of 10.1 points. The estimated condition is 90.8 per cent of normal on September 25, forecasts a yield per acre of about 168 pounds and a total production following a reduction of one per cent from planned area for abandonment of about 10,350,000 bales. Last year's production was 10,175,000 bales at an estimated cost, last year.

PANAMA CANAL SHUT TILL NOV

Worst Earth Slides Since Opening
of Over Year Ago Occur Recent.
14-Began Sept. 20

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4.—The Panama canal probably will not be opened to traffic prior to November 1, according to cable advices to the war department. Earth slides from the east bank of Gold Hill which began September 20, have continued steadily. The blocking of the canal, the first very serious interruption of traffic since the opening of the canal more than a year ago, will result in hundreds of vessels being held up.